Schools have from January 15th- February 28th to place USDA Food orders and divert USDA Foods to processing companies.

The Illinois Commodity System (ICS) will be ready for processor’s to update and/or add End Product information on November 24th. This must be completed by January 9th. Remember this information helps schools determine the companies and amount of pounds to divert for SY16.

Instructions for updating and/or adding End Product Information on the ICS can be found on the Food Distribution Program (FDP) website at www.isbe.net/business.htm under “Information for Processing Companies”

New companies need to complete an ICS New User Registration Form; this can be found on the FDP website. Be sure to include the name and code of the USDA Foods your company uses.

If you already have a user name and password for the ICS, but can’t log in or forgot your user name or password. Please email me and I will reset it for you. ahancock@isbe.net

For more information about Processing USDA Foods in Illinois please read the document titled “Processing in Illinois” on the FDP website.